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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant
hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,666,209, to Abe, issued on September 9, 1997; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,689,612, to Abe, issued on November 18, 1997.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and
commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/046,560, filed on March 24, 1998.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned
application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of
these U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any

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reason the Examiner cannot locate any of the applications, Applicant(s) will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all of the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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